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1. SAN MARINO POLITICAL PARTIES UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO TRY
AND SOLVE THE OVER THREE MONTHS LONG GOVERNMENT CRISIS OF
THE REPUBLIC THROUGH GENERAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD MAY 28.
THE DECISION TO CALL EARLY ELECTIONS CAME ABOUT AFTER SAN
MARINO CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, COMMUNISTS AND SOCIALISTS ALL
FAILED TO FIND IN THE PARLIAMENT SUFFICIENT VOTES TO
SUPPORT A MAJORITY GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO SAN MARINO LAW,
THE PARLIAMENTARIANS WILL RESIGN ON MARCH 20 FOLLOWING A
MEETING OF THE GREAT AND GENERAL COUNCIL. AT THE SAME
MEETING THE COUNCIL WILL ELECT THE CAPTAINS REGENT FOR
THE PERIOD APRIL 1 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1978.

2. POLITICAL PARTIES ALSO AGREED TO LIMIT THE COSTS OF
THE CAMPAIGN BY FORBIDDING THE USE OF EXPENSIVE PUBLICITY.
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